



RAPID TRANSIT

Big Improvements Are Planned for Chicago Surface and Elevated Lines Which Will Please the Public.

The Chicago Traction and Subway Commission points out some of the benefits to be derived if its new scheme is carried out.

"Some of the more important advantages effected" by its plans and recommendations are summarized by it as follows:

1. Maximum rapid transit facilities with minimum expenditure through the unification of and additions to the existing systems.
2. Direct rapid transit service to 68 per cent of the population, and convenient transfer to rapid transit to the remainder.
3. Retains all existing transfer privileges and reduces the cost of transfer between surface and rapid transit systems from 5 cents to 2 cents.
4. Affords convenient free transfer between all rapid transit lines in the loop, and provides diversion around, and transfer outside of, this congested district.
5. Gives material saving in time by rapid transit, from most residential districts to the central business district, and still greater savings in time across the city.
6. Effects considerable saving in time by surface lines across the city through relief of congestion in the business district.
7. Gives more direct routing to rapid transit passengers from residential districts to destination.
8. Gives immense increase in capacity by rapid transit and considerable increase by surface lines in the congested districts.
9. Provides ample cars and equip-

ment to care for all additional track capacity.

10. Provides for flexibility in development of system to suit needs of city, as they occur, through a board of regulation and control.

11. Maintains and extends city control of transportation facilities.

12. Offers city ownership from city's share of transportation earnings without expense to taxpayers.

McJUNKIN FOR SHERIFF

Popular Advertising Man Much Talked of by Friends for Big County Office But is Not a Candidate Himself.

William D. McJunkin, head of the great advertising company which bears his name, is much talked of by his many friends for sheriff at next year's election. Mr. McJunkin is not a candidate himself, but he would make a most efficient public official if he permitted his friends to nominate him.

FOOD JEWELERS IN PERIL

Speculators in food face indictment as District Attorney Charles F. Clyne is said to have evidence that a number of the leading provision merchants

in the middle west juggled freight car deliveries and otherwise conspired to boost the price of food and coal in restraint of trade.

While the grand jury was assembling, preparatory to hearing evidence against the merchants, Health Commissioner Robertson announced he had been informed several dealers were planning to raise the price of potatoes and other foods on Tuesday.

There is no tangible excuse for such a raise, according to Dr. Robertson, except that certain dealers have been caught in the net of the housewives' potato boycott and are planning to recoup their losses.

Squads of police investigators were organized to see if the city ordinances against the holding up of foodstuffs is being violated.

In the federal building an attache divulged that the district attorney has evidence that coal speculators and railroad men were in illegal combination to withhold cars of coal from delivery during the winter and thus

CHIEF SCHUETTLER MAKES GOOD

New Head of the Chicago Police Force Has the Confidence of the Public and of His Men, Too.

Chicago now has a chief of police in Herman F. Schuettler, who has the confidence of both the police department and the entire public besides.

As a result of the police roundup of several gangs of thieves, crime for the last week shows a marked decrease. There were 240 burglaries and larcenies reported, which is 100 less than the week before. Holdup robberies also were fewer. Precautions taken by the police to protect industrial establishments prevented the usual weekly pay roll holdup. During the last three months robbers procured about \$10,000 from "pay roll jobs."

"We've got 'em on the run," was Chief Schuettler's comment. "Holdup men and burglars are being caught every day. Several dangerous gangs have been broken up. But it seems as soon as we put one gang out of business another springs up."

"By keeping constantly after the criminal element we are bound to win. The members of the department are doing good work."

THE ALDERMANIC DUMP

Official result in Ward 7:

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Fetzer	3,438	2,659	6,097
Merriam	3,235	2,857	6,092
Fetzer majority	5		

The official canvass also discloses that five Democratic ballots were cast

SCULLY IS RIGHT

Proposed Central Registration System Will Save Chicago Over Six Hundred Thousand Dollars Every Year.

Judge Thomas F. Scully's proposed central registration system that would save Chicago upward of \$600,000 a year was boosted Monday at a hearing held by a house committee in the election board room.

Details of the bill now pending in the legislature were discussed and all the experts, Republicans and Democrats, appeared to favor the proposed new scheme. Estimates of the election board are that in years with elections both spring and fall \$747,000 will be saved, and in years with only a set of spring elections the saving will come to \$375,000.

"If this one bill is enacted," said Representative John S. Burns, "Chicago will save more each year than the state will save under Governor Lowden's efficiency and economy consolidation measure. It also makes flaws in the registration system less onerous upon the electorate."

Judge Harry Olson, Bishop Samuel Fallows, Mrs. Catherine Vaughn McCullough, Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout

of trade and in the federal buildings was suspended, and a host of flags were unfurled in Chicago.

The din of trading ceased and brokers gathered solemnly to await the flash that the president was once more in office. A man with a cornet appeared in one of the galleries and played "America."

At the end of the first verse the traders cheered wildly. The musician then sent the stirring notes of "The Star-Spangled Banner" into the large room. Beginning with a hum, the board men gradually carried their voices into the swelling chorus of the song.

Five minutes passed. The word was received that another national administration was on its way. The clatter and din of trading was begun again with renewed vigor.

John R. Ford, special deputy collector of customs, and custodian of the Federal building, gave word to government employees to suspend business during the time the president took the oath. Postmaster Daniel A. Campbell instructed all postal workers to stop, if possible, during the five-minute period.

FROM LOT LINE TO LOT LINE

As City Owns All of Street It Should Clean Sidewalks Itself.

The city claims the ownership of the streets from lot line to lot line and all obstructions on the sidewalks

from news stands to snow are there with its permission. It rents space on sidewalks at its own sweet will. It should, therefore, keep the sidewalks as well as the rest of the streets clean. But it does not. The money that the city should spend on the cleaning of dirty sidewalks is wasted on \$2,000,000 worth of unnecessary job holders.

O 'SHAW TAXI'S

It appears that the La Salle Hotel is not the only taxi-owning concern whose cabs are lined up in front of the City Hall. The Shaw Company is complained of by a correspondent who writes to say that the La Salle crowd has as much right there as the Shaws. Well, who says they haven't? But what right have they or any other taxi company got to the possession of the City Hall street frontage?

It is alleged that the blocking up of the streets with taxi cab stands drives all traffic to the street car tracks and thus delays and discommodates the public. The City Hall taxi stand must go. Such a thing might be all right in Pook or Oskaloosa, where everything on wheels ties up in front of the Court House. But it won't do here.

The Chicago Eagle voices the opinions of its large constituency of automobile owners and honest auto dealers and manufacturers when it declares that something should be done to put crooked and rotten tire makers out of business. It is alleged that some of the "made over" outfits are not on the square.

IN THE CITY COUNCIL

Important Public Business Before the Chicago Board of Aldermen

Aldermen on the local transportation committee considered a draft of an act enabling Chicago to adopt a traction ordinance granting a franchise not to exceed fifty years. This draft was presented to the committee by its special counsel, Attorney Walter L. Fisher, in obedience to its instructions.

Attorney Fisher has already presented to the committee a draft of an act to enable Chicago to adopt a traction ordinance which would run not to exceed thirty years, with a permissive extension of twenty years longer should the city not desire to take over the transportation system at an earlier period.

"The passing of a statute allowing a traction ordinance for a combined elevated, surface and underground transportation system to be passed for not more than fifty years would mean an ordinance would have to be passed for that duration," explained Mr. Fisher. "The term of years specified by the council might be shorter. The draft that I am submitting also specifically reserves to the city the right to take over the lines whenever it might so designate. Moreover, each draft provides for a referendum on any ordinance passed under its provisions."

Resolutions have been adopted by the Chicago Building Trades Council declaring for a "comprehensive subway system," municipally owned and independently operated. The resolutions declare also against the granting of any franchise to a public utility "for a term of more than twenty years."

Shortly before the committee took a recess until later in the afternoon, a letter signed by representatives of the Woman's City Club, protesting against a fifty year franchise, was read to the members.

Our central business district has gotten too big for the loop.

This is the decision of the traction and subway commission, which released several more chapters of the supplement to its \$250,000 report. The engineers composing the commission, William Barclay Parsons, Robert Ridgway and Bion J. Arnold, have found that the central district has extended far north, south and west of the "restricting" girders.

Their conclusion was based on the tabulations resulting from the check of individual passengers on the elevated lines last summer, which showed where a passenger boarded a train, whether he transferred and where he ended his trip.

"The analysis proves the fact," reads one paragraph, "that the term 'loop district' is no longer descriptive of the whole central business district of the city, which has already extended far south, north and west of the union loop elevated structure, so far as traffic delivery is concerned."

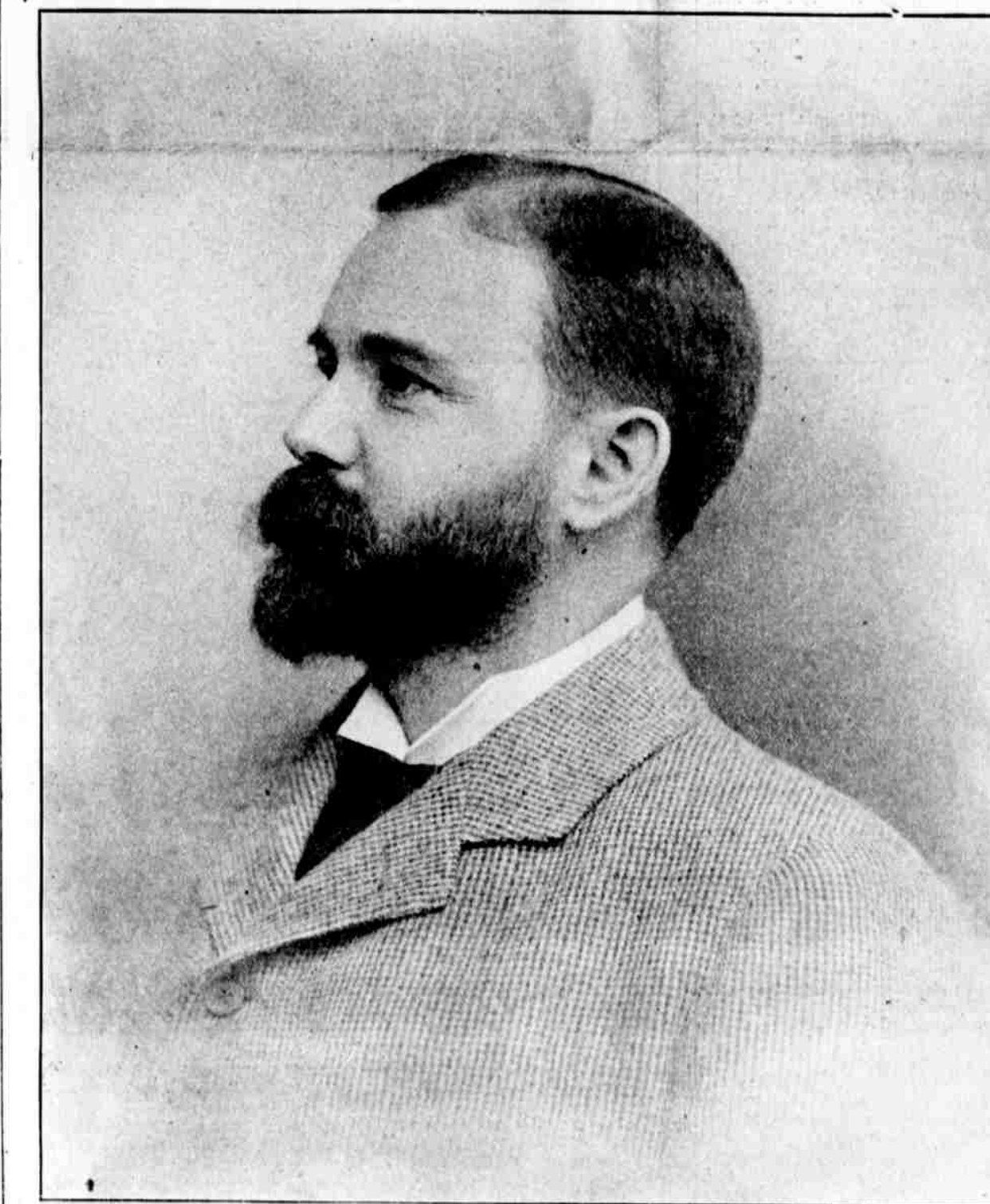
"Any plan for the downtown terminal capacity for the elevated and surface lines must contemplate facilities conveniently serving this extended area immediately outside of the loop district."

This conclusion was the engineers' reason for advocating the development of the stub terminal system at North Water street, Congress street and Fifth avenue.

The commission approved of a suggestion that where the plan would be of sufficient public benefit, traction lines should be carried through the parks.

"Where there are portions of parks cut off from convenient access," said the argument on this point, "or where important car lines are interrupted by parks and vexatious detours, the public is entitled to a right of passage through the park and the commissioners are confident a means can be provided for such passage of street cars in a way which will not interfere with the use of a park or destroy its beauty."

Tabulation of the delays of street cars for a year showed that vehicles in the tracks caused a loss of 52,728 minutes, several times the amount of delay from any other cause.



VICTOR F. LAWSON.

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keep the price at a famine level. Egg speculators also, he said, will be named in the first true bills returned.

VOGELSANG AND OTHERS PLAN IMPROVEMENT

A big, wide-awake business men's association of Madison street has been formed to improve and beautify the street and place decorative lights from the bridge to Michigan avenue. The incorporators are Harry C. Moir, Aaron J. Jones, John Z. Vogelsang, and Leonard R. Adams. A meeting of the members will be called to elect officers as soon as the incorporation papers are received from Springfield.

for Merriam and seventeen of that party for Fetzer.

Leo Flannigan gets the Democratic nomination in the ward. While not a candidate in the primaries, it was found that 221 men and 116 women voters had written his name on the ballot.

The Sixth ward, where Ald. McCormick had no opposition in the primary and the Democrats had no candidate, turns up with a Democratic candidate now. Charles M. Hanley appears on the official records to have received 131 votes, his name having been written in. Guy Armstrong is expected to be an independent candidate against Ald. McCormick.

Attorney General Edward J. Brundage announced the appointment of Attorney Matthew Mills of Chicago as an assistant in his office.

and George E. Cole were among members of County Judge Scully's election reform commission who endorsed the new idea. Homer K. Galpin, Oscar Hebel and John C. Cannon represented the Republican county committee.

The proposed bill contemplates a general registration every four years instead of every two years as now, and the establishment of a permanent registry bureau in the election board, with branches in the several wards. The legislative group—composed of Representatives Hamlin, Dahlberg, Burns, Carter and Tuttle—will report to the full house committee on elections.

As President Wilson raised his hand to take the oath of office for his second term before a breathless crowd in Washington, business in the board

Although the consolidation bill does not become effective until July 1, it is the purpose of Gov. Lowden to submit an executive budget, so that the present legislature can have a basis from which to work in making the appropriations for the approaching biennium. This budget will be based, of course, on the scheme of the consolidation bill. The appropriation committees have been marking time pending the governor's next move.

Gov. Lowden and his advisors do not know as yet what is to be the extent of the legislation that is to be required from the present session. That is a matter that will have to be determined after the nine cabinet members have been chosen and a plan of original procedure is evolved. As the consolidation bill stands, it furnishes only the machinery of the new executive organization.

It creates the nine executive departments, authorizes the appointment of the necessary officials and fixes their salaries. It is up to the governor and his appointees to do the rest, and some legislation is required that may be as important in the long run, as was the business of putting through the consolidation bill.

Gov. Lowden is known to favor a complete revision of the substantive law based in large part on the extensive recommendations made by the efficiency and economy commission.

Should time permit at the present session it is believed that he would urge that a beginning, at least, be made this winter.

Enactment of the consolidation bill by the adoption of the conference report Thursday now permits the appropriations committees of the two houses to get under full steam.

The budget prepared by the retiring legislative reference bureau is practically worthless from a constructive standpoint, inasmuch as nearly every department of state government that responded to its unofficial request for estimates is now switched around or reconstructed so

that the request for appropriations made last November have no present value.

Nearly all of the Republican organization leaders from Cook county against the central registration plan that County Judge Scully boomed before the house elections committee.

County Chairman Galpin, Charles A. McCulloch, George K. Schmidt, Dr. W. H. Reid, Charles A. Williams, and others, were in consultation with Attorney General Brundage. The bill went to a subcommittee and consideration is deferred for two weeks.

Only one measure was fought out of committee—the Bruce 10 per cent alcohol bill—and that by so narrow a squeak that it is conceded by many that there is no chance for its enactment. By a vote of 1 to 14 the house judiciary committee ordered a favorable report on the Bruce bill tonight, after a tactical failure to have the bill reported out without recommendation, which would have meant that the proponents of the measure must rally seventy-seven affirmative votes to put it on the calendar.

Here are some big things the Legislature has to vote on:

State-wide prohibition.
Bruce anti-whisky bill.
Constitutional convention resolution.
Suffrage amendment.
Congressional apportionment.
Anti-injunction and woman's eight-hour bill.
Control of private banks.
Home rule for Chicago.
Election law amendments.
Bills to legalize boxing.
Bond issue of \$60,000,000 for good roads.
Appropriations totaling more than \$50,000,000.

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